



**TALENT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
- HELD AT TOWN HALL
AND VIA ZOOM -
May 1st, 2024 – 6:45 PM

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:45 p.m. (0:28)

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Mayor Ayers-Flood Councilor Collay Councilor Ponomareff Councilor Greider Councilor Byers Councilor Paré-Miller	Councilor Pastizzo
Also Present:	
Gary Milliman, City Manager Dave Lohman, City Attorney Jennifer Snook, Chief Police Hector Flores, Community Engagement Director Tessa DeLine, Finance Director Robert Slayton, Superintendent of Public Works	

2. Additions / Corrections to Agenda (08:05)

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested to add an item under Consent Calendar - Appointment of Kathy Garrido to the Together for Talent committee.

3. Community Announcements (1:38)

The City Manager informed the council and community that Town Hall remains closed, providing further details about the building.

Councilor Paré-Miller discussed the Craft Crawl event scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, 2024, from 11 am to 5 pm in Talent.

Community Engagement Director Hector Flores announced the Wide Yard Sale event taking place on May 18th, 2024, in Talent. He also informed the community about the weed abatement ordinance and encouraged residents to sign up for Citizens Alert.

Councilor Byers mentioned the Rogue World Music Festival event occurring on May 25th, 2024, at Commons Library Park in Talent.

4. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items (5:47)

None Requested

5. Public Presentation (6:38)

5.1 Presentation from Rogue River Watershed Council – Update on Bear Creek River Mild 19

Rogue River Watershed Director John Speece gave an update on Bear Creek River Mild 19.

6. Department Reports (16:24)

6.1 Departments Reports

City Manager informed council that the department reports were in the agenda packet.

7. Consent Calendar (16:52)

7.1 Acknowledgement of Liquor License: Goldback & Iruai's Wine Room

7.2 Acknowledgement of Temporary Liquor License for Talent Craft Crawl, Agathodaemon, Goldback Wines, Naumes Suncrest Winery, 1232 Wine, The Thirsty Wheel, and Caldera Brewing

7.3 - Appointment of Kathy Garrido for Together for Talent

Councilor Ponomareff shared that Together for Talent interviewed Kathy Garrido and expressed that she is a great candidate for the committee. Additionally, the councilor encouraged residents to join Together for Talent.

Motion (18:33): Councilor Byers moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

8. Unfinished Business (18:49)

No Requested

9. New Business (18:50)

9.1 Award of Contract for Park Avenue Water Main Replacement

City Manager informed the council that the City sought bids for constructing a 400-foot-long, eight-inch diameter water main on Park Avenue, spanning between Lapree and Sunny Street. This initiative aims to replace an existing and deteriorating four-inch A/C water main. After evaluating the submissions, five bids were received. The City Engineer assessed the bids and proposed awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Three-Dimensional Construction, for \$116,990. The highest bid received was \$160,114.27, while the engineer's estimated cost for the project was \$139,550.

Motion (21:32): Councilor Byers moved to award the contract for construction of the Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project to Three-Dimensional Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$116,990, and reject all other bids. Councilor Ponomareff seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.2 Request from Urban Forestry Committee for Water Meter at Summer Place Wetlands for OWEB Tree Plantings

The City Manager informed the council that Summer Wetlands, designated as an OWEB planting site, is set to receive approximately 50 trees. The Urban Forestry Committee has requested the City to install a water service there for tree irrigation. The Public Works Department provided an estimated cost for this service. OWEB has confirmed that the installation cost and payment of SDCs are eligible for grant funding, marking the first such request they've received. The City will need to execute a grant agreement amendment to authorize the use of OWEB funds for this

project. Please note that the costs associated with preparing this grant amendment (administrative time, legal fees) are not included in the project's estimated cost.

Motion (24:31): Councilor Ponomareff moved to approve the installation of a City water service to support the tree planting at Summer Place Wetlands, conditional upon receiving full funding for this project from the OWEB grant. Councilor Byers seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

9.3 Request from Urban Forestry Committee for Funds for GIS Mapping

The City Manager informed the council that the Urban Forestry Committee has collaborated with the U.S. Forest Service on a tree mapping project, which will contribute to a broader tree master plan. The Forest Service has asked the City to provide electronic data from its GIS contractor, Nickki Hart Brinkly, to aid in developing map overlays for this initiative. The estimated cost for providing this data is between \$300 and \$375. The TUFC has suggested allocating up to \$500 for acquiring this information from Nickki Hart Brinkly.

Motion (27:34): Councilor Ponomareff moved to approve the request from the Urban Forestry Committee to allocate \$500 from the general fund unallocated balance to pay for the costs of electronic data associated with the city-wide tree mapping and master plan project. Councilor Collay seconded motion.

Discussion: Councilor Byers asked a clarifying question to the City Manager. Councilor Ponomareff requested to amend the motion.

Motion (33:31): Councilor Ponomareff amend the motion instead of from the general fund on allocated balance to say, from the general fund discretionary fund If available, defaulting to the unallocated balance, that's in case there's no money. Councilor Collay seconded motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5 ayes (Collay, Ponomareff, Greider, Byers and Paré-Miller) 0 nays. Motions carries.

10. Other Business and Future Agenda Items (34:15)

Mayor Ayers-Flood requested a discussion on creating higher visibility for the bioswales.

11. Written Communications (39:24)

None Requested

12. Adjournment 7:45pm (40:22)

Respectfully submitted by:



Hector Flores, City Recorder

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